



## ***Town of Weare Parks and Recreation***

***Meeting Minute  
September 18, 2007***

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:45pm

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Joe Fiala, John Nikias, Tom Reynolds, Chuck Metcalf, Jim Blouin and Valerie King.

### **BOLTON FIELD MASTER PLAN PRESENTATION:**

Mike Redding of GeoInsight and Kerry from Elm Grove Properties Solutions presented their Master Plan for Bolton Field. The following is a list of some of the questions or comments made by PARC members in response to their plan:

- The path around the football field is a nice addition to the plan. It would be best if the path were smooth enough for senior citizens to use as a walking path. Also, consider making the path a complete circle so people can continue to walk around it multiple times rather than having to reverse direction to stay on the path.
- Installing drainage piping may be an issue considering the rocky terrain at Bolton.
- It will be difficult to get parents to man the snack shacks if they aren't situated so that they can watch the game while in the concession stand. Consider switching the location of the soccer concession with the nearby picnic tables.
- Since there is lighting on the football and baseball field, shouldn't we also consider lighting the soccer and (in particular) the playground? What about adding minimal lighting to the parking area, particularly in the farther corners where lights from the fields won't reach.
- How would we service the bathrooms/porta-potties behind the soccer area? The walking path needs to be wide enough to accommodate a truck.
- CIP would like the plan to be less than 15 years to completion. Rename as Phase I, II, and III instead of 5, 10 and 15 years.
- Can we make the fields less accessible to unauthorized vehicles? Mike and Kerry explained that this is not detailed in the drawing, but will be in the final plan. Reminder-the fields must remain accessible to emergency vehicles and lawn care equipment.
- Need to include a gate to restrict access to the lower parking area to keep winter recreational traffic away from the fields but allow access to upper parking areas.
- Consider keeping the area at the top of the hill looking down on the football field. This is a nice spot for watching the game. Maybe level the area so that people can set up lawn chairs and watch the game from above.
- Be cautious on the type of trees we choose to plant. Keep in mind the effect on lawn care (for leaf removal) and fruit/sap that may litter the area and leave a mess on cars.

- Should the catch basin be more inviting? Mike/Kerry explained that this is not the purpose of the catch basin. It likely will not be filled with standing water most of the time. It is possible to add a membrane (to hold the water) and a fountain in the smaller pond by the playground.

The Final Plan is expected to be completed by early October. Mike and Kerry will plan to present this plan at our October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

- Gene has requested that Chase Park be open for Columbus Day (Monday, October 8th) for boats out. The Committee preferred to open Saturday, Sunday and Monday for 6 hours per day if staff is available (as there is money in the budget). Chuck will talk to Kathy to see if she can get coverage for this weekend.
- CIP is meeting tomorrow at 8pm. Joe will not be able to attend, but will leave them a note regarding the Bolton Master Plan (including cost estimates).
- The gazebo area is not properly graded and seeded (near downed telephone pole). This is a result of the Middle School construction. Chuck will contact the school board about this and to ask what areas the school will be mowing.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:30 (estimate).

## **PARC MEMBER TO DO LIST**

(From August 14, 2007 minutes)

### **TOM**

- ☐ Tom will ask Chuck to put the Senior Citizen update on the August 28<sup>th</sup> agenda to discuss funding of activities.
- ☐ Tom will ask Fred V. to contact the Local Government Center and other towns for ideas regarding drafting of Weare's park policies.
- ☐ Tom will contact Fred to request that Carl drop a load of "material" in this area.
- ☐ Tom will ask Fred V. to contact Primex (insurance company) about the possibility of having someone conduct a safety inspection of the playground equipment.

### **JOE**

- ☐ Joe has agreed to spread the material (provided by Public Works) at Bolton field road to lower parking area.
- ☐ Joe will stop by Ineson Field to see where they are at.

### **VAL**

- ☐ Valerie will talk to Fred Ventresco (Town Administrator) about a computer she is willing to donate.